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PRESS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Memorial Exhibit Honors Brookfield's Fallen Military Heroes

Date and Time of Event: Opens Saturday May 10, 2014 and each Saturday throughout the Month from noon to 4PM. Also open Sunday May 25, 12:30 to 4 PM.

Location: Brookfield Museum located at 165 Whisconier Road, Brookfield Center (intersection of Route 25 and 133).

Brief Description: Gene Roberts, a Vietnam Veteran and member of the Brookfield Historical Society, stands between two panels, one honoring the 23 men from Brookfield who died during the American Civil War. The photograph he is holding is from a painting of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Merwin, a former Brookfield resident, killed July 2nd 1863 on the battlefield at Gettysburg. This is part of a Memorial Exhibit honoring the memory of 44 former Brookfield town residents who gave their lives during many of our nation's military campaigns from the American Revolution up to and including Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The exhibit will open at the Brookfield Museum located at 165 Whisconier Road (intersection of Routes 25 and 133) in Brookfield Center, Saturday, May 10, 2014 from noon till 4pm and continue each Saturday for the remainder of the month. It will also be open during the town's Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 25, 2014. According to Roberts, "Each year we pay tribute to Brookfield's fallen military heroes but until recently little was known about who they actually are. Through the efforts of the Historical Society we have been able to identify 44 former Brookfield residents who, over the years, gave their lives in defense of our nation. This memorial exhibit provides our community the opportunity to gain a more intimate understanding of the courageous servicemen we honor. It not only contains the names of the fallen, but also background information, where available, on both their civilian and military lives as well as poignant images and photographs. It is a moving tribute to these men who have made so grave a sacrifice for our community and our nation." For more information log onto www.brookfieldcthistory.org.